

severity of an immune disorder in a mammal which comprises administering to said mammal one or more immunogens, according to an immunization schedule by virtue of which the mammal receives, at, one or more pharmaceutically acceptable doses of said immunogens, said administrations resulting in an immune response in said mammal which substantially reduces the incidence or severity of at least one chronic immune-mediated disorder in the mammal,

the first dose of said immunization schedule being administered when the mammal is less than 42 days old, measured from birth,

where, if only one immunogen is administered according to said immunization schedule, that immunogen is one other than BCG, where, when all of the immunogens administered are selected from the group consisting of a BCG immunogen, a *Hemophilus influenzae* immunogen, a hepatitis B immunogen, and an immunogen of an organism which causes a disease selected from the group consisting of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella, at least one of the following conditions applies: (a) one or more immunogens are administered on at least three different dates prior to 42 days after birth, or (b) one or more immunogens are administered on at least three different dates, and the maximum interval between administrations is about two weeks, or less, and where one or more immunogens are administered on at least four different dates.

67 (twice amended). The kit of claim 66 where said pediatric immunogen is selected from the group consisting of a BCG immunogen, a *Hemophilus influenzae* immunogen, a hepatitis B immunogen, and an immunogen which causes a disease selected from the group consisting of measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, and polio.

71 (twice amended). The kit of claim 43 in which at least